

one readily answers no! Famous Ben had to keep the line equipped with 100 Concord coaches, 2,700 horses and mules, and \$55,000 worth of harnesses. Hay and oats cost him \$1,000,000 a year. Sometimes he had to pay at the rate of \$125 a ton for hay. On many occasions Indians killed his drivers and burned his stations. Added to all these expenses was the cost of keeping in his employ 250 skillful and courageous men.

### THE CONCORD COACH

Let's take a glance at the old Concord coach. It was a grand swinging and swaying vehicle, an imposing cradle in wheels. Instead of springs, it was hung on leather braces. Six handsome horses or mules were usually the number worked upon it, and they traveled with great speed. The coach was named the Concord because it was manufactured in Concord, New Hampshire.



CONCORD STAGECOACH

At the back of the coach extended a platform or "boot" for the reception of baggage, and built high up in front like a throne was the driver's seat. There sat the driver, high up on his exalted perch, where he might